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July 2007 Responsive to Local Needs

Message From The President

Joe Gibson

Conejo Recreation & Park District

In reviewing materials with the CARPD Board, we realized that 2007/2008 will be our 50th year as an organization. It is remarkable to think that we have been working on the behalf of Recreation and Park Districts for that long. I am sure that 50 years ago, issues facing our member districts then prompted them to start an association that enabled dialog among the districts to resolve issues that each had in common then. As the saying goes: "As much as things change, much remains the same".

Here we are 50 years later, working still to provide our member districts with a forum to discuss common issues, and learn from each other new and different ways to meet the needs of our constituents.

Over the last 50 years, we have weathered Prop. 13, ERAFI and II, and many other financial burdens. We stood together with cities and counties and worked for the passage of Prop. 1A. But as we have weathered these storms, we continue to work to provide improved financial stability, better programs, build new facilities, and maintain those that we have.

As we enter our next 50 years, CARPD will continue to work to provide our members with effective communications, a strong lobby in Sacramento, and well rounded program at our annual meeting.

As your President, I urge you to become more involved in CARPD. There are many avenues available, through participation on the legislative committee, presenting your successful programs at our conference, promoting your successes through our awards program, and by just keeping up dialogue among our fellow members.

I look forward to this year and invite you to share it with me.

CARPD LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Ralph A. Heim

New Fiscal Year Near—Is the State Budget

With the start of the new fiscal year rapidly approaching, the Budget Conference Committee continues to meet, albeit slowly at best, closing out numerous non-controversial items, leaving the more controversial issues to the Governor and legislative leadership.

Still unresolved as this article was prepared, is the issue relating to which state agency will allocate the Proposition 1C park-related funds. The Senate adopted language to shift the authority from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Parks, while the Assembly took no action on the matter. CARPD continues to urge the Budget Conference Committee to designate the Department of Parks as the lead agency on the allocation of the Proposition 1C park-related funds.

Budget watchers still believe the state budget will be adopted by July 1st, but a number of the more seasoned budget watchers are beginning to hedge their bets. Their caution is due to the fact that the Republican leadership has informed the Democrat leadership that they are not prepared to vote for a budget unless the Conference Committee removes all of the added new program spending and they have the opportunity to review all of the infrastructure bond's implementation language before that language is amended into numerous budget trailer bills. Stay turned.....

Overtime Proposal Reduced to Study Bill

Assembly Bill 503 by Assembly Member Swanson that proposed the state and local agencies provide employees with written 8-hour notice before requiring them to work overtime. The bill also contained an undefined exemption, "operational emergency," that

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2007 CARPD Award of Excellence

Recipients

Outstanding Large District	Valley - Wide Recreation and Park District
Best Marketing and Communications	Conejo Recreation and Park District
Best District, News Paper Coverage	Conejo Recreation and Park District
Best Innovative Program	R.E.C. Van Southgate Recreation and Park District
Best Renovated Facility	Power Play Center Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Best New Facility	Regional Aquatic Center Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District
Outstanding Youth	Lydia Vera Tomkiw Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District Ian Brooks Hesperia Recreation and Park District
Outstanding Group	P.A.S.A. Program for Active Senior Adults Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District
Outstanding Organization	Fair Oaks Historical Society Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District
Outstanding Volunteer	Chuck Ingels Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District
Special Honor	District Time Line Conejo Recreation and Park District
Outstanding Board Member	Al Mc Greehan Paradise Recreation and Park District
Legislator of the Year	Assembly Member Lois Wolk CARPD Legislative Committee

2008 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SEEKS SUGGESTIONS CONFERENCE SITE / PROGRAM SESSIONS / SPONSORS

The 2008 CARPD Conference will have a theme that celebrates the 50th year of the organization. The conference will not be held at the Cal Neva, Resort although alternate sites in North Lake Tahoe, as well as Monterey, Anaheim and Sacramento are being considered.

The Conference Committee is also seeking session presentations from Member Districts that share innovative, creative and informative recreation programs or park facility development projects. Recommend session topics of broad interest,

particularly those that focus on improving District governance are also welcomed...

Note: Conference sponsorship in the past has enhanced the conference's activities and provided sponsors to inform other of their services. Please continue to suggest conference sponsorship.

Please forward 2008 Conference information, or suggestions to Executive Director Agonia at calrpd@aol.com

Legislative Update (Continued from page 1)

the state and local governments could utilize that would not require the 8-hour written notice.

As a result of significant opposition from local governments, including CARPD, Assembly Member Swanson amended Assembly Bill 503 to now require the California Research Bureau to conduct a study "on the issues related to a requirement that state and local agencies provide eight hours' written notice to employees who are required to work overtime." The study is required to address impacts of such a requirement on both employers and employees and is due to the Legislature by June 30, 2008.

New Public Records Act Requirements

Senate Bill 343 by Senate Local Government Committee Chair Negrete McLeod would require all "writings" that staff submits to the governing body, or a majority thereof, that were submitted after the 72-hour Brown Act agenda posting requirement, be available to the public upon request.

The bill continues to allow public agencies that post agenda's on their Internet Websites to continue to do so, but those agencies would also be required to make the writings subject to the bill's provisions available to the public at the agencies office or meeting location.

Senate Bill 343 has passed the Senate and will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on July 11th.

Senate Bill 732(Steinberg)—Proposition 84/Local Park Assistance Program

As current written, Senate Bill 732 directs the Department of Parks to develop guidelines to implement a new competitive local parks program that will fund both new parks and new "park opportunities" and a balance of passive and active recreation. This program will also serve as the framework for the administration of park funds made available by Proposition 1C.

The guidelines must allow departmental oversight and require applicants to illustrate how they are meeting the intent of the bond (Prop. 84). Cities, counties, special districts, and nonprofits are eligible applicants.

Projects will compete against projects in similar-sized counties. Preference and additional consideration will be given to projects that:

1. Create parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist or that expand overused parks;
2. Satisfy the most urgent recreation needs, with an emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and economically disadvantaged communities;
3. Projects that facilitate partnerships of public resources and investment;
4. Actively involve community based groups;
5. Facilitate joint use of public resources and investment;;
6. Provide efficient uses of natural resources; and,
7. Comply with existing local plans.

Senate Bill 732 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on June 26th.

Comings and Goings Around the State

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, (HARD) **Douglas F. Morrison,** Board Member 1962-2007.

It is with great sadness that the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District announces the passing of Mr. Douglas F. Morrison. Over his decades of service he led and initiated much of the growth of District and the development of many fine recreation and park facilities.

In addition to his outstanding service, Mr. Morrison was instrumental in HARD receiving numerous regional, state and national recreation and park awards. His knowledge, unrivaled service and wit will truly be missed.

Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District, Has received the 2007 Sacramento Workplace Excellence Leader Award. The award is presented annually to agencies that have proven to be committed to its employees and customers. The District was noted for providing exceptional benefits and training and a workplace that promotes employee health, safety, advancement and security.